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Applicant(s): MATSUI, et al.

Group Art 2624

Serial No.: 09/769,917

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For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS, COMPOSITE APPARATUS USING THE IMAGE READING APPARATUS, AND CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE IMAGE READING APPARATUS

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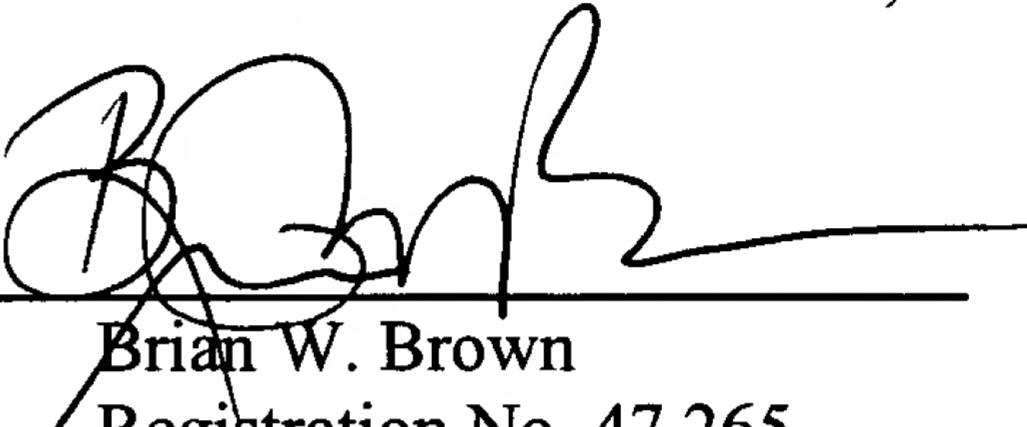
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